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Stennis Says Moorer Is Blameless

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Chairman John Stennis (Dem-Miss.) said yesterday his Senate Armed Services Committee has concluded that Admiral Thomas Moorer did "nothing improper" in connection with military spying on the White House three years ago.

Stennis said "as far as the committee is concerned, there is no shadow of blame or impropriety with respect to Admiral Moorer on this entire subject."

Stennis issued the committee's finding in a one-page statement saluting Moorer's "brilliant naval career" and marking his retirement June 30 after 41 years. Moorer is chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The Senate Armed Services Committee conducted an investigation into charges that top secret documents were stolen from the National Security Council and delivered to Moorer in 1971.

A Pentagon investigation of the military spying disclosed that Yeoman Charles Radford, a Navy sailor-stenographer in the White House liaison office, had taken the papers.

J. Fred Buzhardt, who conducted the investigation, told the committee he concluded that Moorer knew he was getting stolen documents and told an "improbable" cover story.

But Stennis said the "entire matter has been the subject of a most exhaustive committee investigation."

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